

When it comes to the issue of the nation wide Do Not Call list, I am against the promotion and implementation of this type of policy. The approval of this list will not only hurt large and small business, by hindering their ability to increase their customer base, it will hurt and hinder non-profit organizations who choose to call for charity and non-profit purposes.

Granted, there are telemarketers and businesses out in the United States that abuse the right to call consumers on the telephone. However, those are the few “bad eggs” of the bunch that spoil it for the rest of the groups who rely heavily on the use of telephone sales and referrals. A lot of non-profit organizations who choose to call for charitable donations rely on the telephone to provide the funds they need to operate for the benefit of society. It is very inexpensive for non-profit organizations to make phone calls for donations rather than try and hold fund raisers on a constant basis. The telephone provides for a fast, efficient, effective, and inexpensive way for non-profit organizations to help grow and expand their causes through charitable donations. By approving the National Do Not Call List, non-profit organizations will lose their effectiveness and a large number of good causes will fade into the shadows due to lack of support.

Business’ that are out to make a profit will be greatly affected by the National Do Not Call List. A regional company loses their ability to contact interested consumers on the other side of the country. A small business loses another form of growth and expansion through the use of the telephone. I believe that these businesses have the right to contact individuals and families at home, yes, it should be during a reasonable time period during the day, but they have that right nonetheless. Many businesses rely heavily on telephone sales as an integral part of their business and by taking away their ability to

call on the telephone you are going to hurt business and commerce that is being conducted in the United States. We are already in a slumping economy; do we really want to make it worse by forcing more companies to struggle in this already difficult time? I think not.

Individuals who do not wish to receive calls from important non-profit organizations and businesses should spend a few extra dollars on the Caller Identification system for their telephone. It is inexpensive and it is really effective in allowing you to answer only the calls you choose.

The National Do Not Call List is an issue that is a very sensitive subject and it should not be treated lightly. This Do Not Call List is only going to hinder the ability to conduct business and raise money for important events; it will place yet another regulation on a business world which has seen enough regulations and restrictions on what we can and can't do.